

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 4-23 are pending in the application. Favorable examination in light of the remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-23 have been subjected to the following election requirement:

Group I (claims 1, 2, and 4-8),

Group II (claims 9-12),

Group III (claims 13-17),

Group IV (claims 18-21) and

Group V (claims 22-23).

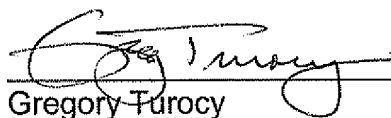
Applicant elects with traverse Group I (claims 1, 2, and 4-8) for examination. Applicants further note that Rejoinder rules (see MPEP § 821.04) may be invoked to rejoin suitable and appropriate method claims.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Respectfully submitted,

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